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## AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend the claims as follows:

l (Currently Amended): An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

an organic compound layer including at least one organic compound film containing an organic compound having a phenylamino group, wherein

said organic compound having a phenylamino group is produced by Ullmann reaction, and

said organic compound layer contains copper atoms as impurities in a weight concentration of not lower than 40 ppm and not higher than 500 ppm.

2 (Original): The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 1, wherein said weight concentration of copper atoms as impurities in said organic compound layer is not higher than 200 ppm.

3 (Original): The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 1, wherein said organic compound layer includes:

an organic compound film containing a luminescent material, and an organic compound film containing a carrier transporting material.

4-18 (Cancelled)

19 (Previously Presented): The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 1, wherein copper is detected by using an ICP (Inductively Coupled Plasma) method.

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20. (Previously presented) An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

an organic compound layer including at least one organic compound film containing an organic compound having a phenylamino group, wherein

said organic compound layer contains copper atoms as impurities within a weight concentration range of about 40 ppm to 500 ppm.

21. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 20, wherein

said weight concentration of copper atoms is within a range of about 40 ppm to 200 ppm.

22. (Previously presented) An organic electroluminescent device comprising:

an organic compound layer including at least one organic compound film containing an organic compound having a phenylamino group, wherein

copper atoms are present in the organic compound layer,
said copper atoms can be detected, and
are present in a weight concentration of not higher than 500 ppm.

- 23. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim 22, wherein said copper atoms are present in the organic compound layer in weight concentration of not higher than 200 ppm.
- 24. (Previously presented) The organic electroluminescent device according to Claim22, wherein said copper atoms are detected by using an ICP method.